

SENATE BILL 2476

By Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,
relative to reports of child abuse.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-406(e), is amended by redesignating the current language as subdivision (e)(1) and adding the following subdivision (e)(2):

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (e)(1), if the report of harm was made to the department anonymously, then the juvenile court shall not order the parents or person responsible for the care of the child or the person in charge of any place where the child may be, to allow the department entrance for purposes of interview, examination, and investigation unless the department has presented evidence corroborating the anonymous report of harm.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.